



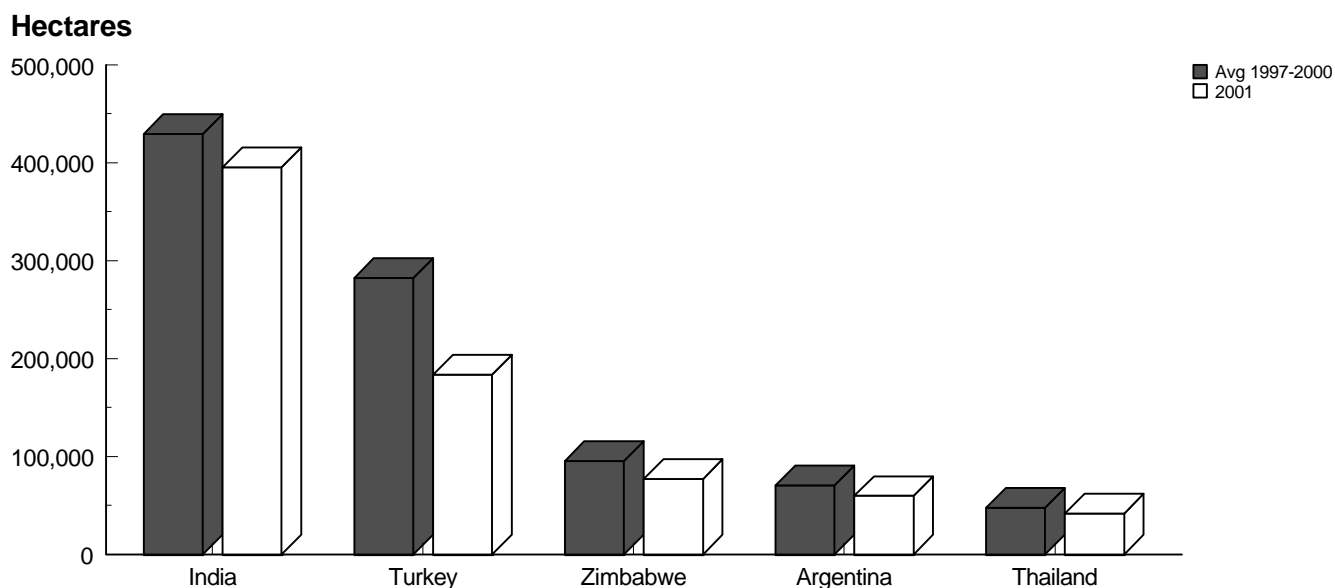
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# Tobacco: World Markets and Trade

## Total Unmanufactured Tobacco Area Planted For Selected Countries



Planted area for tobacco is trending lower in many of the top producing countries worldwide. Much of this decline can be attributed to producers adjusting their leaf production to be more in line with consumption in order to reduce stock levels. India and Turkey cut production in 2001 to lower leaf stocks after record output over the last couple of years. Area planted in Zimbabwe has decreased because of depressed economic conditions and the ongoing land-ownership crisis.